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Law Department Memorandum  
Richmond, Virginia

TO: Pat Clarke

DATE: 10 December 1984

FROM: Art Palmer

SUBJECT: MICROBIAL DENITRATION (PM 810, 838, 939, 1045, 1156)

During recent review sessions to identify non-essential patent effort, R&D agreed that the overseas counterparts of the first three cases (810, 838, 939) could be dropped if you agree.

The U.S. interference with B&W on PM 810 was resolved on a worldwide basis by a royalty-free cross licensing arrangement, so there is little point in pursuing the corresponding foreign patents. The other two cases (838, 939) are not likely to be significant for the same reason.

R&D feels that PM 1045 is probably the best case, and should be kept going. We agree. You will note that PM 1156 was not filed abroad.

May I hear from you, please, before Christmas about your views on the 3 cases proposed to be dropped.

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E. Bailey - Please consider FTR's U.S. cases PM 790, 848, 913, 913B and 1026 CIP—and the unfiled disclosure file 1166—to see whether they should be dropped also for the sake of consistency. If FTR objects, please notify Owen Smith and me.

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